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Application process underway for Elba head football coach

Interim head coach Glen Johnson says he plans to apply for the job

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba High School's interim head football coach Glen Johnson walked across Mack Wood Field last week, reflecting on what was a whirlwind 2019 season, and it was quite clear this mild-mannered man was passionate about his school and his students.

The 2019 football season could have been a disaster for the Elba Tigers due to circumstances that led to the

resignation of former football coach Pate Harrison mid-way through the season. However, school system turned to veteran teacher and coach Johnson to take the helm as interim head coach, and he led the team through eight more games – six regular season matchups and two playoff games. The team went 5-3 with Johnson at the helm to finish up 8-4 overall.

"I've sent a letter to our superintendent and each

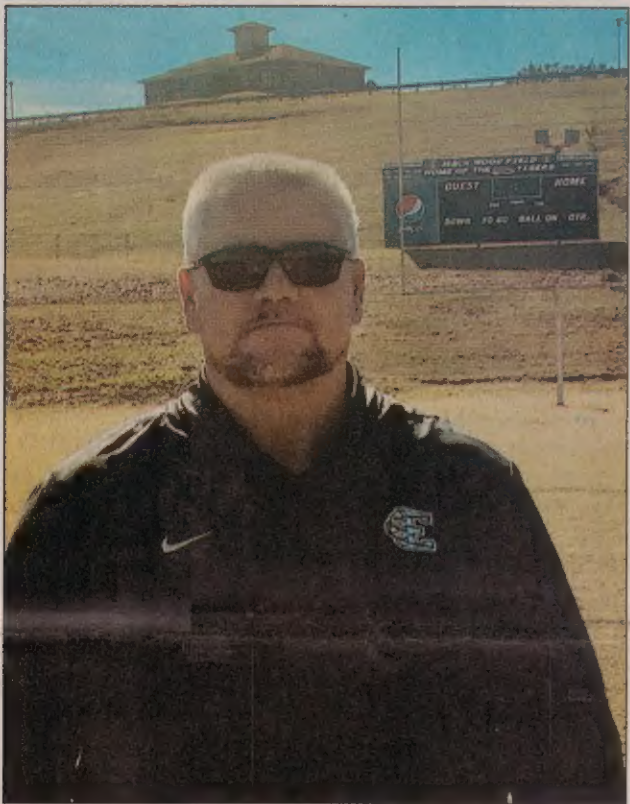
school board member thanking them for allowing me the opportunity to serve as [interim] head coach the last eight games of the season," Johnson said. "It meant everything to me that they entrusted me with the leadership of the Elba Tiger football team and staff at a time that could have left a painful scar on our program, but I feel like we pulled together and turned that into many positives."

On Tuesday, Nov. 19, the job vacancy announcement went public with Elba City Schools looking to fill the physical education, head football coach and athletic director position at Elba High School that was vacated by Harrison.

Coach Johnson said he wants his community to know that he wants to remove that interim title and to officially become the next head football coach at Elba High School. He said he would be applying for the job.

"I want to continue to be Elba's head coach," Johnson said. "I want to lead this team, build this program back up to the legacy that precedes it, and in still the love of hard work, pride and dedication back into the hearts of these young athletes. I don't want to only chase championships, but I want to help build champions on and off the field."

Johnson said he realizes some people think his mild-



Standing on Mack Wood Field late last week, Elba interim head football Coach Glen Johnson said he will apply for the job on a full time basis. He said it would be a dream come true for him to not only help lead the football program but to also help lead champions on and off the field by teaching his student athletes to trust God and live the right way. The Elba alumnus said he desires to do that through leading by example.

Teacher of the Year awards presented at Elba BOE meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Thursday evening, Nov. 21, for the regular monthly board meeting, and the highlight of the meeting was in honoring two teachers as Elba's "Teacher of the Year" award recipients.

Superintendent Chris Moseley said he challenged the administrators at both the elementary and high schools to get the nominations together in time for the two "Teachers of the Year" for Elba to be eligible to be considered in the



TIFFANY VARGAS (center) RECEIVED the Elba Elementary School "Teacher of the Year" award during the Nov. 21st Elba BOE meeting. The award was presented by EES principal Debra Strickland (left) and Elba Schools superintendent Chris Moseley (right).



ASHLEY CHAPPELL (center) RECEIVED the Elba High School "Teacher of the Year" award during the Nov. 21st Elba BOE meeting. The award was presented by EHS principal Wynn Grimes (left) and Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley (right).

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COFFEE COUNTY FARM OF DISTINCTION... Boyd Farm, located in Coffee County near New Brockton recently was named the Coffee County Farm-City's 2019 Farm of Distinction. Above, Lee and Harriette Boyd (left) are pictured with Coffee County Farm-City committee chair Cindy Kinney as the press conference naming award winners held in early November. The award officially was presented last Thursday night.

Boyd Farm named Coffee County Farm of Distinction

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Distinction means excellence that sets something or someone apart from others, and that is the word used to describe Boyd Farm of Coffee County [New Brockton] this year as the Coffee County Farm-City Farm of Distinction.

The Boyd family has lived on this farm since 1900, and it currently is operated by Lee Boyd.

"It is a great honor and very humbling to receive this award," Boyd said. "We are certainly very appreciative of it."

Today's Boyd Farm was built on a solid lumber tradition in Richburg, which has become known as the 'lost town' of Coffee County, Boyd said. Richburg was a lumber town that was developed in 1898 when a new railroad attracted Leon Augustus Boyd Sr to the area.

Boyd said in those days, Coffee County was rich in virgin pine, and his Boyd Sr. moved his lumber company to Richburg from Iron City, Ga.

Richburg was incorporated in 1902 and prospered for more than a decade. For 10 years, the company, Boyd-Henderson Lumber Company, produced pine flooring and sold lumber for a dollar a load and even provided wood to help rebuild Chicago after the "Great Fire of 1871".

Boyd Farm now is at six generations of L.A. Boyd' raising cattle on the land that began as a timber business about 120 years ago. Lee Boyd raises Simmental, Sim Angus, and Angus cattle on the land of Boyd Farm.

"I can only hope we live

up to the honor given to us as the Farm of Distinction this year," Boyd said. "To be distinguished from your county peers in this manner is definitely an honor."

Lee Boyd and his wife, Harriette, officially accepted the Coffee County Farm of Distinction Award during the annual Coffee County Farm-City Banquet held Thursday night, Nov. 21, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton, Ala. Several other award also were presented as the county celebrated the relationship between farming and the business industry in the county (see Page 7).

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29th. There will be standby crews for any emergency with electric, water, street, or sewer. To report a utility emergency after hours and on holidays, call the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555. The garbage truck will run its normal schedule during the Thanksgiving holiday.

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

will be Monday night, Dec. 2, beginning at 6 p.m. in downtown Elba.



Elba Public Library circulation clerk happily reacts to a giant card presented to her during last Thursday's retirement reception. The card, with handprints from each child, was made by the young students in the Elba Head Start program. These are only a few of the many young lives Tillis has touched while working at the Elba Public Library and leading programs such as the Thursday afternoon children's story time and more.

Tillis honored with retirement reception at Elba Library

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The renewed vibrance of the Elba Public Library started July 7, 2014 with the addition of Barbara Tillis as circulation clerk for the library.

Tillis has been a dedicated employee of the library and City of Elba since joining the staff, always serving her patrons at the library with a smile. She has helped avid readers find just the right book to take home

and enjoy, and she has led a children's story time program that has become a favorite of many local youngsters. And, she has done so much more.

Last Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21, Tillis was the guest of honor as she was celebrated during retirement ceremony at the library. Both Mayor Mickey Muddock and library director Jennifer Amlong said they are saddened to see Tillis go, but they agreed she had

been nothing but an asset to the library and city during her employment.

Tillis thanked all, including the city and library board, for allowing her to serve at the library, and she assured everyone that while she is retiring, she will not become a stranger to the Elba Public Library.

Tillis' official last day of employment will be Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. Mayor Mur-

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual." — Henry David Thoreau

Ponder the following before endorsing any politician's national health care plan which includes "Like the Canadians do it." If you're Canadian, you can spend 20 weeks waiting for routine surgery. Last year, patients north of the border waited a median of 19.8 weeks to secure treatment from a specialist after getting a referral from a general practitioner. In 2018, there were over a million patients languishing on wait lists in Canada's government-run health care system. Private insurance coverage is outlawed for anything considered "medically necessary." Only the government has the authority to pay for such procedures. It is against the law for them to try using private pay or private health insurance. If patients don't want to wait their turn, they're welcome to seek care outside the country — on their own dime. Last year, the median wait for orthopedic surgery in Canada was a staggering 39 weeks.

Don't understand how the above is possible . . . well ask around from folks who use the US Veterans Administration's health care system. There are some positive results but mostly it is nightmare stories.

The shocking news that the Lowndes County, AL sheriff had been killed last weekend brought back a flood of 'not-so-good' memories of the same thing happening right here in Coffee County all those years ago when Sheriff Neil Grantham was gunned down in front of the jail early on a Thursday morning. The man convicted of Neil's death is in a state prison. He was convicted and sentenced to death but after years and years of court proceedings the death penalty was thrown out and he is serving prison time and living at the taxpayers' expense. We expect the same fate awaits the 18-year-old man charged with gunning down much-respected Sheriff John "Big John" Williams.

We read this past weekend that Thanksgiving weekend is one of the worst times to be on the highways of Alabama. Alabama's record for traffic accidents is bad and compared to the other 49 states, the home state record is horrible. Our pleas will not change the world but with our readers being keenly aware of the increased dangers, maybe we can prevent a few wrecks from happening — this week and all other weeks.

The high school football season is over for the teams closely covered by The Elba Clipper. The playoffs were not kind to 'our folks' this year and with a full slate of first round teams being local it is a bit surprising that not a single one of them will advance to the next level. But . . . there has to be a winner and a loser in each of these playoff games, as it should be. It is on to basketball and soccer . . . or maybe even some math and English!

The price of turkeys is down this year, just in time for that classic favorite of carving the Thanksgiving turkey. We have not investigated the impact of this great savings event but suspect the few pennies saved on the turkey are quickly absorbed by the trimmings, the cranberry sauce, the bread or maybe even the desserts. One thing we can almost guarantee is that the prices will not hinder the majority of Americans from eating too much at lunch on Thursday and/or the afternoon 'grazing' of the leftovers.

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EDITORIAL

ALEA encourages safe traveling during Thanksgiving holiday

Intoxication and driving under the influence are prevalent during Thanksgiving weekend, making the long holiday one of the deadliest on roadways, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Secretary Hal Taylor said the agency's mission is to reverse the trend. "We urge motorists to think before they drink this extended holiday and throughout the season. Drinking and driving do not mix — ever," he said.

Between 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, and midnight Sunday, Dec. 1, ALEA will boost its Trooper presence on roadways and work to prevent traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities with grant funding from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) and the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). During that time, ALEA and its law enforcement partners across the state will conduct DUI checkpoints and other enforcement activities designed to curb crashes involving alcohol.

Alcohol was a contributing factor in an average of 9.9 percent of all Trooper-investigated traffic crashes from five-day Thanksgiving travel periods from 2014 to 2018. For those same periods, Troopers arrested an average of 38.6 individuals for DUI. During the 2018 Thanksgiving travel period, for example, Troopers investigated 482 traffic crashes, 36 of which involved alcohol; investigated seven traffic fatalities, two of which involved alcohol; and arrested 35 individuals for DUI.

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In addition, ALEA also reminds the motoring public to:

- Obey the law: Do not speed, follow too closely or make illegal lane changes. These are among top deadly driving behaviors.
- Buckle up: No matter how short the trip, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly restrained. (As of Sept. 1, 2019, state law requires occupants of all ages to use a seat belt or child-restraint system.)
- Put away the phone and other distractions: Make safety a priority. When behind the wheel, do not text or do anything but focus on the task of driving.
- Prepare for congestion: It is not uncommon for traffic to be heavier than usual during the Thanksgiving holiday travel period. Allow additional time for congestion along your route to and from your holiday destination.
- Use caution in construction zones: ALDOT will have no temporary lane closures for road work on interstates from noon Wednesday, Nov. 27, to midnight Sunday, Dec. 1. Still, be extra cautious when traveling through these areas, and obey posted speed limits.
- Enjoy the holiday: Do, however, think before you drink, and drive safely to #ArriveAliveAlabama.



FIRST RESPONDERS WILL BE HONORED with a free lunch Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the offices of Lake Realty. Joint sponsors are Southeast Insurance & Real Estate, and Wiregrass Board of Realtors. The announcement of the free lunch noted: "Thanks for being the first on the scene and the last to leave, you put our lives first. This is just a small way to say 'Thank You' for what you do!" Lake Realty is located at 482 Claxton Avenue, Elba. Pictured above are Wiregrass Board of Realtors President Travis Parker and Lake Realtor Owner Kaye Ellis.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Friday, Nov. 15, and Sunday, Nov. 24, made the following arrests: one for possession of drugs, one for violation of probation, one for warrants, and one for driving under the influence.

There were 15 traffic citations and 24 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe

of Nov. 15th — Nov. 24th.

FRIDAY, NOV. 15 — Officers responded to a vehicle accident (vehicle struck a horse) on Hwy. 84 (5:57 a.m.); Officers responded to Elba High School in reference to a disruptive student — student was transported to the Diversion Center in Dothan (8:56 a.m.); Officers arrested a subject at the Riviera Motel for possession of harmful drugs (5:28 p.m.); Elba Police and Fire responded to a vehicle fire on Claxton Ave (7:39 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 16 — Officers met with a complainant in the area of County Rd 249 in reference to theft (11:54 a.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 17 — Officer responded to a disturbance call on Williams Ave (12:15 a.m.); Officers responded to an attempted assault on Powell Circle (4:36 p.m.); Officers attempted to locate what sounded like possible gunshots near Claxton Ave (10:16 p.m.).

MONDAY, NOV. 18 — Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in area of Old Samson Rd — one subject was arrested on a

DUI charge (6:11 p.m.).

TUESDAY, NOV. 19 — Officers responded with Haynes Ambulance on a medical call in area of Buford St (2:50 a.m.); Officers responded with Haynes Ambulance on a medical call in area of Edgewood Dr (7:42 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 — Officers responded to a call of a possible assault on Martin Luther King Dr (9:35 a.m.); An officer assisted on a brush fire call on Hwy 84 (11:07 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a possible prowler on Hickman Ave (8:04 p.m.).

THURSDAY, NOV. 21 — Officers responded to area of Hwy 203 and Taylor Mill Rd in reference to a two-vehicle wreck — Elba Fire assisted in removing one subject from a vehicle and Taylor Mill Rd was temporarily shut down while this accident scene was cleared (6:17 a.m.); Officers responded to a hit and run at Burger King (8:08 a.m.); Officers responded to area of County Rd 239 and County Rd 249 in reference to a subject spotlighting aircraft (10:03 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of a possible prowler in the area of Hwy 189 N (10:36 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 22 — Officers responded to area of Winston Ave in reference to gun shots (6:18 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 23 — Officers responded to a two-vehicle wreck in the area of Claxton Ave and Hwy 203 (9:21 a.m.); Officers met with a complainant in the area of County Rd 409 in reference to a possible breaking and entering — determined to be a false alarm (11:38 a.m.); Officers responded to Simmons St in reference to loud subjects in the roadway (11:07 p.m.).

SUNDAY, NOV. 24 — Officers met with a complainant in area of Claxton Ave in reference to theft (2:36 p.m.); Officers met with a complainant in area of Roosevelt Dr in reference to theft (3:20 p.m.); Officers responded with Haynes Ambulance on a medical call in area of Taylor Mill Rd. (8:21 p.m.).

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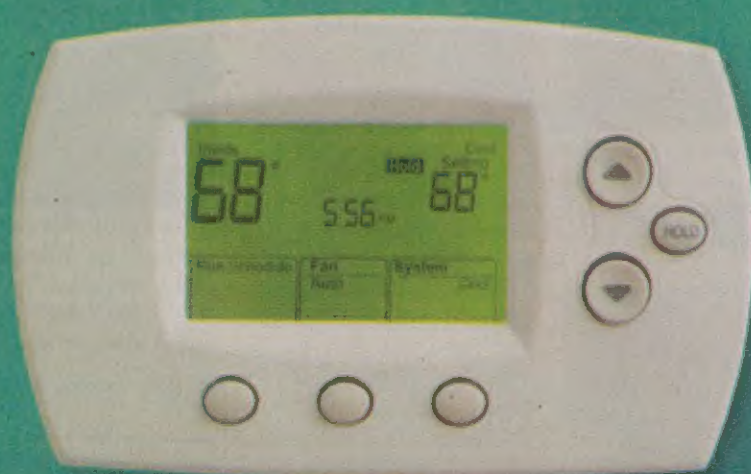
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Obituaries

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CHARLES EVERETTE KELLEY

Mr. Charles "Everette" Kelley, age 90, of Elba, Ala., passed on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, to be with the Lord. He was with his family at home.



Mr. Everette was born October 13, 1929. He was preceded in death by his parents Odie Lester Kelley and Rena Mickler Kelley, older brother Robert Hollis Kelley, and younger brother Dwight Wendel Kelley.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 22, 2019, at Westside Baptist Church. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Elba under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial gifts be made to the Westside Baptist Church capital fund in memory of Mr. Kelley.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years: Irene Shiver Kelley; sons and daughters-in-law: Eddie and Jana Kelley, and Scott and Lynn Kelley; grandchildren: Wesley (Meghan) Kelley, Todd Kelley, Jaron (Gillian) Kelley, Connor (Faith) Kelley, Madelyn (Russ) Kilcrease, Nicole Cook, and Dylan Cook; great-grandchildren: Myles and Parker Kelley (Wesley and Meghan).

HERBERT GEORGE WINTERS

Mr. Herbert George Winters, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, at his daughters' home in Wetumpka, Ala.



Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Lloyd Snellgrove officiating. Burial services followed in the Zoar Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Winters was preceded in death by his father, Lewis Henry Winters, mother, Blanche Margaret Winters, brother, Lewis Winters, and sister, Orthella "Sis" Marshall.

Survivors include his wife: Bobbie Jean Winters, Elba; daughter: Sandy (Bert) Tew, Wetumpka; sons: Randy Herbert (Penny) Winters, Elba, and Chris (Dana) Winters, Victoria, Ala.; sisters: Jeanie Lacost and Carol Finch, both of Carp Lake, Mich.; brother: Robert "Bob" (Linda) Winters, also of Carp Lake; grandsons: Michael Kelley, Ryan Kelley, T J Winters, Chanse Winters, Justin Winters, and Mathew Winters; granddaughters: Tiffany Cox, Shannon Winters, and Rae Winters; and 11 great-grandchildren.

TONY WESLEY BOWERS

Mr. Tony Wesley Bowers, age 81, a resident of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 25, 2019 at the First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Mark Bowers officiating. Burial followed in the Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Those wishing to make memorials are asked to do so to a charity of choice.

Survivors include his wife: Ann Bowers, Enterprise; daughters: Wendy Bowers, New Brockton, Ala., Amy (Danny) Creel, Enterprise; son: Mark (Becky) Bowers, Thomaston, Ga.; sisters: Faye McWaters, Lakeland, Fla.,

and Linda (Glen) Howell, Tampa, Fla.; a brother: Larry Bowers, Perry, Ga.; granddaughters: Bethany-Grace Bowers, and Hannah Ruth Bowers, both of Statesboro, Ga.; grandson: Wesley Melton Creel, Enterprise; four step grandchildren: Aaron Creel Spurlin, Brooks Creel, Colton Creel, and Delsea Creel, all of Wetumpka, Ala.

PAUL ISAAC PYFROM

Mr. Paul Isaac Pyfrom, age 49, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, at Baptist Hospital South in Montgomery, Ala.



Paul will be remembered by his family and friends for his caring nature, "bigger than life" smile, and ability to overcome any obstacle when presented. He enjoyed bowling with his buddies, and he made many friends throughout the years while working part-time "Supervising" at Coffee Auto Repair in Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019, from Wooten Chapel Assembly of God with Rev. Mike Medley officiating. A private burial followed in the Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Those wishing to make memorial gifts are asked by the family to do so to: Wooten Chapel Assembly of God, c/o P.O. Box 608, New Brockton, Alabama 36351, or to the Coffee, Dale, Geneva Special Olympics, c/o 218 Lakewood Drive, Enterprise, Alabama.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, John Philip Elisha Pyfrom, and by a brother, John Pyfrom. Survivors include his mother: Margaret Ruth Pyfrom, Elba; sisters: Margaret (Tony) Caterisano, Greenville, SC, Becky (James) Brown, New Brockton, Ala., Gayle (Peter Van Dyck) Pyfrom, Philadelphia, Pa., Dee Dee (David) Murray, Elba; and brothers: Philip and David Pyfrom, both of Elba.

DAWN IRENE POPE

Mrs. Dawn Irene Pope, age 44, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019, at her residence.



Funeral services were held Nov. 22, 2019 at Skeen Funeral Home Chapel in Troy, Ala., with Dr. John Brannon officiating and Skeen Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Mrs. Pope was born February 11, 1975, in Panama to the late Michael Duffy and Lilian Duffy. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Michael Duffy.

Survivors include her

husband: Kevin Douglas Pope, Elba; three sons: Peyton Stokes, Colton Stokes, and Austin Filiault, all of Zion Chapel; four stepsons: Kaiden Pope, Prattville, Ala., Caleb Pope, Levi Pope, and Reid Pope, all of Elba; sister-in-law: Shannon Stephens, Elba; along with several friends and family.

JACQUILINE FAYE RICHARDSON

Mrs. Jacqueline Faye Richardson, age 76, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019, at Southeast Health in Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services were held Nov. 24, 2019 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Shirley Hatcher and Rev. Kevin Bond officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Richardson, along with her husband Monroe, owned and operated Faye's Nursery and landscaping company in Elba for many years. She enjoyed her customers and quickly became a resource for advice from novice gardeners and homeowners, on techniques and remedies to solve problems concerning their plant needs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Monroe Richardson, by a son, Mike McKee, grandson, Johnathon Richardson, and her parents, Louise and O'Neal Hattaway.

Survivors include her son: Tommy Richardson, Elba; daughter: Brenda (Rod) Rider, Elba; daughter-in-law: Melissa McKee, New Brockton, Ala.; grandsons: Rev. Greg (Jessica) Adkins, New Brockton, Todd (Sara) McKee, Headland, Ala., Brad Atkins, Elba, Cory McKee, Atlanta, Ga., DJ McKee, Elba, Roderick (Ashley) Rider Jr. Samson, Ala., and Billy (Silenia) Richardson, New Brockton; her brother: James (Danette) Hattaway, Elba; sister: Barbara Ivey, Clio, Ala.; along with 13 great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

MINNIE HESTER JOHNSON

Mrs. Minnie Hester Johnson, age 97, a resident of Glenwood, Ala., died Sunday, November 24, 2019, at her home.

Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home.

Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum plans Rosa Parks Day commemoration

Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum will commemorate Rosa Parks Day on Monday, Dec. 2, with free admission, musical performances, arts and crafts and story time for children.

The inaugural commemoration was held last year after the Alabama Legislature unanimously approved a bill, introduced by Rep. Laura Hall and Sen. Vivian Figures, declaring Dec. 1 as Rosa Parks Day in the state. The bill's passage made Alabama one of four states to designate holidays in honor of Parks, and marked the first holiday in Alabama to honor a woman.

The Rosa Parks Museum will offer complimentary admission to visitors on Monday, Dec. 2, and features live percussion and musical performances by Duron Hale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors will be able to decorate a holiday ornament in the museum's Charles Cahn Baum Atrium. Children's story time, featuring various children's books, will be held in the museum's auditorium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition, the 1950s-era Montgomery city bus will be on display in front of the museum from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 1, a statue honoring Rosa Parks and new historic markers commemorating the landmark case, Browder v. Gayle, will be unveiled on Montgomery Plaza at the Court Street fountain at 1 p.m.

BOE

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Also during last Thursday's meeting, the board voted to approve the October financial statement as presented by the school's chief financial officer and to pay the bills for the month.

The superintendent told board members that unless a need arises, the December meeting would most likely be cancelled and the board

would not meet again until January. However, he said all that would be pending for now.

Elba City Schools have been closed this week as the students, teachers, administrators and all other employees are enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday break. School will resume Monday, Dec. 2nd

No residential garbage pickup on Thanksgiving Day for Coffee County Environmental Services

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday, Nov. 25, environmental services director Mike Thornton noted that residential garbage would not be picked up on Thursday, Nov. 28 (today), due to Thanksgiving.

Thornton said the Thursday, Nov. 28, normal pickups would shift to Friday, Nov. 29, for pickup.

Also, Thornton went ahead and announced that during the week of Christmas in December the normal Wednesday route will shift to Thursday, and the Thursday route will shift to Friday with no pickups on

Christmas Day.

Also during the meeting Monday, county extension coordinator Gavin Mauldin said the county extension office would be closed Wednesday - Friday of this week in observance of Thanksgiving.

The Coffee County Commission will next meet Monday, Dec. 9, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.



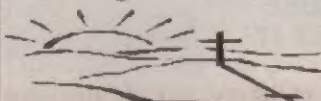
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Nobody likes dwelling on mortality, and conversations about death tend to be "downers" - not least during the otherwise-joyful holiday season. Yet, talking candidly with your family members about end-of-life issues is imperative. For many families, the holiday season is the best time to do it, simply because the whole family is actually together.

Consider: Should your parents pass away unexpectedly, do you know their wishes for a funeral or memorial service? Do you have a clear understanding of their desires for their estate? And should something unthinkable happen to you, will you be leaving your own kids with a clear plan—or simply with burdens?

For many families, end-of-life preparations go neglected and ignored—but simply having a conversation can be clarifying and even encouraging.

Over this holiday season, we encourage you to have "The Talk" with your family members. That doesn't necessarily mean hammering out all the issues on the spot, but it does mean getting the conversation going—encouraging everyone to think sensitively yet strategically about end-of-life issues. Included here is an insert that might be helpful to you—some quick tips and guidelines for starting this conversation, and for keeping it positive and productive. Some brief bullet points to consider:

- When having The Talk, it's vital to pick a good time and a comfortable place;
- Ask questions about your parents or aging family members. Learn their story. Get them talking about what matters most to them;
- Remember to keep it collaborative and conversational. Your loved ones may have different beliefs than yours.
- Offer help to your aging family members—help in planning, organizing, cleaning their home, sorting through their things, or whatever they need;
- Get everyone involved—including siblings and other family members, as appropriate;
- Be patient. People may need some time before they're ready to start talking seriously about end-of-life details. Remember that your aim is to start the conversation.

Don't delay in having The Talk, and don't put it off just because of the holidays. In truth, this may be the ideal time to engage your loved ones in a conversation. If you still have questions email me for any assistance.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesth@hayesfuneralhome.net

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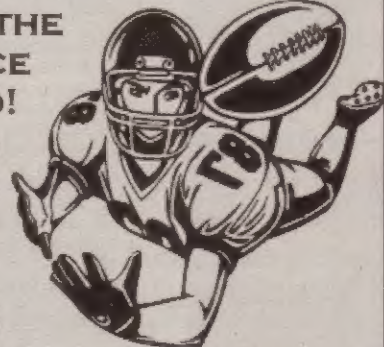
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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

BY DWIGHT JOHNSON, PASTOR
ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

It's Thanksgiving week! This week's Pastor's Corner will be simple, yet profound, because of the simplicity, beauty, and power of God's word, which we will look at together. Some Thanksgiving verses:

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High." (Psalm 92:1)

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever." (Psalm 118:1)

"And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)

"Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart." (Colossians 4:2)

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

"Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping him with holy fear and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)

We could go on, as there are many other wonderful verses of scripture that speak of thankfulness. One common thread that runs throughout them all is that they apply thankfulness to intangibles, not tangible things.

In other words, if we do not have a certain car or boat, live in a particular house, etc., that's okay as far as thankfulness goes. Thankfulness has little to do with things or possessions, but everything to do with our realization of the goodness and grace of God.

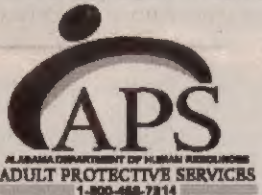
The Elba Ministerial Alliance will host an
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, Dec. 5, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.
at the Elba Church of Christ, 715 N Troy Highway

Church News is due before
noon Monday, Nov. 25th!

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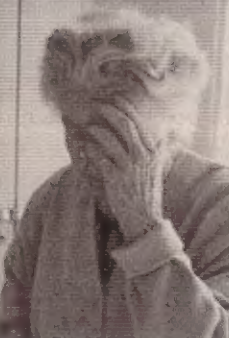
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Wreaths Across America event set for Dec. 14th at Bethlehem Baptist Church

Bethlehem Baptist Church, 518 County Rd 421, Elba, will be holding its 2nd Wreaths Across America and Alabama 200th Birthday on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 11 a.m.

The service will begin with a prayer, and the wreaths then will be placed on the gravesite of each military person recognized. Hosting the event with Bethlehem Baptist Church are Bethne Cowen and Cathy Odom, patriotic activities leader for the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534, and other members.

For more information, call Odom at 897-6298.

Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath for a family member can mail their \$15 check to: Bethlehem Church, c/o Cathy Odom, 668 County Rd. 439, Elba, AL 36323. The checks need to be received [with the name information of the military serviceman] by Dec. 2nd.

All are welcome.

CCBA planning Dec. 9th Christmas Party for Never Alone Widow's Ministry

A Christmas Party, hosted by the Coffee County Baptist Association's Never Alone Widow's Ministry Committee, will be held Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m., at the Coffee Baptist Association Office, located at 603 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala.

As usual, an open invitation is issued to those interested in attending. Those joining the party goers are urged to bring finger foods to share and a \$5 gift to play Dirty Santa.

Call 334-894-6411 to RSVP or for more information.

County Line Baptist Church to host "A Night in Bethlehem" live event

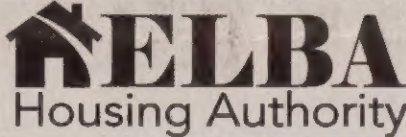
County Line Baptist Church, located at 1000 Hwy. 92, east of Enterprise, invites all to spend "A Night in Bethlehem" on Saturday Dec. 7th. The events begins at 5 p.m.

Tour the shops, hear the news and discuss among yourselves. But be aware of the Roman soldier on horseback. All will wind up at the live nativity and experience the powerful emotions that reflects the night the Savior was born.

The experience will conclude with a time of fellowship and Christmas caroling.

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Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



Scripture: A plea for justice. Psalm 82: 1-8

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Beatrice Belcher, Emily Newman, Kashonda McGill, Tarell Kelley, Georgia Nelson, Julia Glasco, Katie Hamilton, Alice Musgrove, Donella Stickney

December Birthdays / Anniversaries

Estella Lawrence 12/1
Kira Belcher 12/1
Roderick Williams 12/2 (in memory)
Elijah Yelverton 12/3 (in memory)
Derrick Brooks 12/4
Calvin Carpenter 12/5
Anita A. Funderburk 12/5 (in memory)
Nyeshia Johnson 12/6
Gladys Yelverton 12/8
Omega Knight 12/8
Vernette Purvis 12/10
Clara Wright 12/10
Stephen Bennett 12/10

** Living Waters Christian Church, Opp, Ala.,

invites all to the 2nd Pastor's Appreciation Services honoring
Founder/Pastor/Bishop Kelvin Burks on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. for a night of music; and Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2:30 p.m. for the appreciation service with speaker Pastor Julian Mitchell, Oak Grove Missionary Baptist

Church of Elba.

** A Benefit Program for Pastor Dr. Willie J. Curry

will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, at Moriah Baptist Church in Andalusia, Ala., at 6 p.m. All soloists and choirs are welcome.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 11/28/19

Q: Why should you not make friends with those given to anger or associate with hotheads?

A: Because you may learn their ways and entangle yourself in a snare. [read Proverbs 22: 24]

Saying That Makes Sense

If you wonder who your friends are, check to see who hangs around when you're going through tough times.

Questions for the Week of 12/5/19

Q: Who is like a city broken into, left without walls?

Q: How do fools respond to an insult?

Q: How do the prudent respond to an insult?

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Elba United Methodist Church announces December services

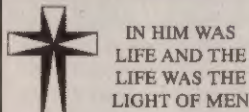
Elba First United Methodist Church pastor Steve Reneau has released the schedule of special services planned for all Christians during the December Christmas season.

The messages stress Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. All these events take place in the Church sanctuary.

December 1st at 10 a.m. - Hanging of the Greens - Hope

December 8th at 10 a.m. - Christmas Musical - Peace
December 15th at 10 a.m. - Who are Mary and Joseph? - Joy
December 22nd at 10 a.m. - Who is Jesus Christ? - Love
December 22nd at 5 p.m. - The Longest Night - If you find this season difficult, then join us for this worship experience
December 24th at 5 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND THE
LIGHT OF MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHELM AME CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METH-
ODIST**
Rev. Remonia Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHOD-
IST CHURCH**
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.**
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
CHURCH**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHOD-
IST CHURCH**
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
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Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

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Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even . . . 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST -
ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Services 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METH-
ODIST**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST**
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon . . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST**
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Noon Worship . . . 12:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon . . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS
CHURCH, Elba**
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.p.h.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH

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LIFESTYLES



IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL LITERACY, the Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation, Alabama Ag in the Classroom, and the Coffee County Farmer's Federation are sharing the book and educator's guide "Right this Very Minute" by Lisl Detlefsen and illustrated by Renee Kurilla. All elementary schools and public libraries in Coffee County will be presented with this accurate ag book. The hope is that it will encourage learning about agriculture while also educating young people about where their daily food and fiber comes from. Shown above, Kathy Bozeman (left) of the Coffee County Farmer's Federation women's committee, presents a copy of the book to Debbie Rhoades (right), Elba Elementary School librarian.

Elba Ministerial Alliance to host Red Cross blood drive on Dec. 5th

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to be the lifeline for patients in need this holiday season by making an appointment to give blood.

While helping to save lives is likely motivation enough, those who come out to give Nov. 18-Dec. 18 will also receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.

Also, donors will get important health information by receiving a mini-health screening to help determine

eligibility that includes blood pressure, pulse and hemoglobin readings.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive Thursday, Dec. 5, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Elba Church of Christ, 715 N Troy Highway. This is sponsored by the Elba Ministerial Alliance.

Donations of all blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for type O blood donors.

TILLIS

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dock wished her well in her future endeavors as he thanked her for her dedicated commitment to her job and city.

Many of Tillis' family, friends and library patrons joined her for the retirement reception held from 3-5 p.m. last Friday, and the consensus seemed to be the same — "we are not happy to see you go, but we wish you the best in your retirement!"

Seniors citizens invited to Dec. 12th Christmas Party at the Pine Level Senior Senior Center

The Pine Level Senior Citizens Center invites all to seniors to attend a Christmas Party to be held Thursday, Dec. 12, at the center.

Games and Christmas Carols will begin at 9 a.m., and lunch will be at 11 a.m. Anyone age 60 and older is welcome.

The Pine Level Senior Citizens Center is located at 63 County Road 355, Elba [in the Pine Level Community]. Debbie Pearce is the center's director.

For more information, call 897-2621.



Elba Mayor Mickey Murdock presented Barbara Tillis with a Certificate of Retirement plaque last Thursday, Nov. 21, during a reception held in Tillis' honor at the library. Tillis will officially retire from her position as circulation clerk at the library on Dec. 3, 2019. Many of her family members were present for the celebration.

Christmas comes to Elba on Monday, Dec. 2, with parade and tree lighting

Elba invites residents and visitors to kick off the holiday season in Downtown Elba at the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Celebration.

Santa will make a visit to Elba for the Annual Christmas Parade on Monday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. "Alabama's Bicentennial" is this year's theme.

The parade will take place in Downtown Elba. Families and friends will line the streets as over 100 parade entries march down and around Court Square. There will be bleachers with free seating in front of the Courthouse across from the viewing/announcer stage.

An additional highlight of this free event is the lighting of the City's 25-foot Christmas tree. Attendees will help countdown to the lighting of the tree.

Entertainment will include the EHS Tiger Band playing holiday favorites, holiday performances and free candy.

For more information regarding the Elba Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting or to enter the parade contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce by phone at (334) 897-3125, email at elba-chamber@troyable.net or stop by the Chamber Historic Stinson House at 329 Putnam Street, Elba.

Come join the fun of Elba's Christmas Parade!

ATTENTION ELBA CITIZENS

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Surveyors from Watson Consulting will be in the City of Elba over the next month locating utility lines for the City's upcoming sewer project. City officials urge citizens to not be alarmed if/when seeing them. For further information, contact the City of Elba at (334) 897-2333.

Caitlyn Nolin of New Brockton crowned Miss ESCC

Caitlyn Nolin, of New Brockton, will serve Enterprise State Community College as its 2019-20 Miss ESCC.

Nolin was chosen to wear the crown out of six contestants during the Miss ESCC pageant held Thursday, Nov. 21. She was crowned by the 2018-19 Miss ESCC Bethany Macon.

Nolin is the daughter of Keith and Cathy Nolin. She is a freshman agriscience education major at ESCC and plans to transfer to Auburn University to receive her Bachelor's degree in agriscience education and a Master's degree in administration. Her goal is to teach agriscience in the Enterprise area before taking a leadership role later in her career.

As Miss ESCC, Nolin will represent the College's values and programs on our campus and throughout our local communities. She is awarded a \$2,000 scholarship as a result of her new title.



Freshman Agriscience Education major Caitlyn Nolin, of New Brockton, was crowned as the 2019-20 Miss ESCC on Nov. 21.

Out of the remaining five participants in the Miss ESCC pageant, interpreter training major Presley Hall, of Geneva, was named first runner-up, and early childhood education major Taylor Jordan, of Valdosta, Ga., was named second runner-up. Marketing major Brayton Martin, of Jack, was named the photogenic winner.

All six contestants in the 2019-20 Miss ESCC pageant were Caitlin Cedar-

staff-Aaron, of Enterprise; Sierra Crawford, of Geneva; Presley Hall, of Geneva; Taylor Jordan, of Valdosta; Alyssa Kyles, of Elba; Aiyanna Lee, of Enterprise; Nia Lofton, of Daleville; Brayton Martin, of Jack; and Caitlyn Nolin, of New Brockton.

To invite Miss ESCC to your event or organization contact Jennifer Olsen at 334-347-2623 ext. 2320.

Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to join fun at Elba Senior Citizens Center

The Elba Senior Citizens Center encourages all seniors — age 60 and older — to join the center for lots of fun, activities and more.

Along with nutritious meals 5-days-per-week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify for, including: Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC: Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. A senior must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign up for programs that they may qualify for to receive assistance.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have

fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center, stop by or call 897-3019. The Elba Senior Citizens Center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave., Elba [across from the Elba Police Dept]. Also, seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to home. Contact Donna Falls, Elba Senior Center director, for more information.

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ELBA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR KELCEY PARKS (center) led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the Elba City Schools Board of Education meeting held Thursday evening, Nov. 21, at the central office on the Elba City Schools campus. Parks is pictured with Elba High School principal Wynn Grimes (left) and Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley (right). With the current school year, Moseley began asking students to attend the monthly board meetings and led the Pledge, and this duty is rotated each month between the high school and elementary school. Prior to Parks leading last week's Pledge, the superintendent named some of her activities at Elba High School from being a member of the Elba Marching Tiger Band and a working student through the cooperative education program to her medical program studies via the Elba Career Academy and more.

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Zion Chapel Bass Team fishes Lake Eufaula on Wiregrass Student Angler Trail

Beautiful Lake Eufaula was the site for the Zion Chapel Bass Team's final tournament on the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail, Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019. Although the results were not their best, all in all, they had a great run on their first ever high school tournament trail.

When the ZCBT began its inaugural journey, the anglers were anxious but excited. For the most part, they had fished only in area ponds with just a few big lake adventures. They realized that as they headed out to the big waters week after week that they had to be open-minded and dedicated. Not only did they want to achieve personal satisfaction, but they did not want to disappoint their family, community, captains, and sponsors who had invested so much time and money for them to have this experience.

The young anglers, along

TERESA JONES CRAWFORD, PLAINTIFF, VS. **JAMES EDWARD CRAWFORD,** DEFENDANT.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CIVIL ACTION NO: DR-2019-900035

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: JAMES EDWARD CRAWFORD.
You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed In the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama (Elba Division) against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 5th day of December 2019, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you.

This the 22 day of October 2019.

/s/ Amy L. Reeves
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk
Coffee County, Alabama
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mannered approach to life might not be a fit for someone to be a head football coach, but he said he looks at it in a different way. He said he has gotten to where he is today not by being anything but himself and trusting in God, and he said he will continue to approach life the same way whether he is the next head football coach or not – though he is hoping he will be the one chosen for the job.

"Some people think Christians are weak, but that just is not true," Johnson said. "Christians can be bold too. I am as passionate as anybody when a game is being played between the lines. I've lived it [football at Elba]."

Johnson, an alumnus of Elba High School, said he grew up playing football at an Elba Tiger, has coached many others, including his own sons, and loves Elba just about as much as any person can love it.

"I may not know all the x's and o's, but I know football players," he said. "I truly

CITY OF ELBA TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2009 EDITION

For the purpose of establishing uniform rules and regulations, the city adopts the code known as International Building Code, 2009 edition, save and except such portions as may be amended in this article. Not less than three copies of the building code are filed in the office of the city clerk. The International Building Code is adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length in this article, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling in the construction or alteration or repair of all buildings and structures contained in the city.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 14th day of November, 2019.

By the vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

/s/Jane Brunson
Jane Brunson, Mayor
Term

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance that was approved by the City Council of the City of Elba at the regular scheduled Council Meeting of the 14th day of November, 2019.

/s/Sally BaneSally Bane,
Elba City Clerk



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IN THE MATTER OF
RONALD KEITH
CULVER,
Deceased.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO: PC2019-093

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the HILDA CULVER ALLEN on the 22nd day of November 2019 by the Honorable Judge Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 22nd day of November 2019.

/s/ Steven E Blair

Probate Judge

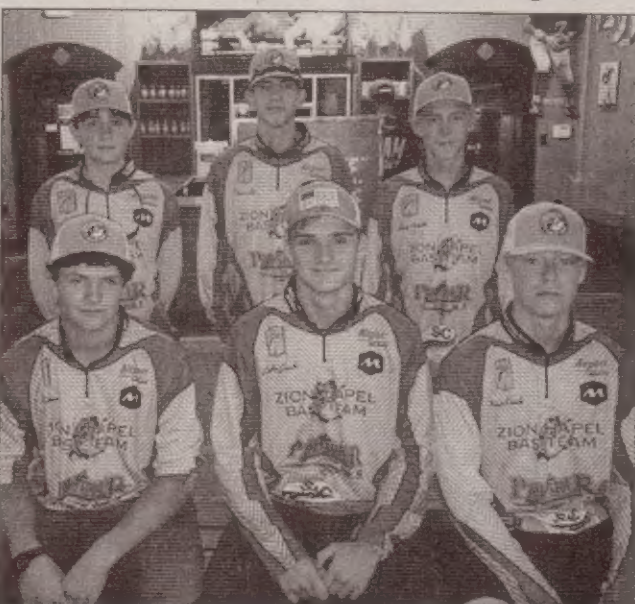
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young athletes about trusting God and living the right way."

Working as the physical education teacher at the elementary school throughout his tenure at Elba before stepping into the spot this school year vacated by Harrison, Coach Johnson said he has watched many of Elba's students grow up, and he can say without a doubt that Elba is filled with good young people. He said his desire is to continue to help build their character, serving as the head football coach.

"There is nothing I would like more than to serve this town, school, and my family than by being Elba's head football coach," Johnson said.

According to the job posting online for the Elba High physical education teacher/head football coach and athletic director position, applications will be accepted through Monday, Dec. 2nd. It is not known, at this time, when the school will interview for the position.



Zion Chapel Bass Team Members include (Back Row L-R): Ethan Young, Trevor Lee, Avery Padgett; and (Front Row L-R) Kaleb Devos, Landon Jacobs, Kevin Dowdy, Jr.

with their competitors, encountered their share of adverse weather conditions throughout the season—heat, humidity, wind, rain, and cold. For this reason, they went into some of the

tournaments just hoping to stay the course; however, they fished with determination and finished each one with a showing for their efforts.

Out of 94 teams in the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail, the team of Padgett/Young finished in 17th place, Devos/Lee finished in 18th place, and Dowdy/Jacobs finished 28th place for the season.

The overall team results posted for 2019 by Wiregrass Student Angler Trail show Zion Chapel in sixth place. They were preceded by Headland, first; Baldwin

County, second; Rehobeth, third; Harris County, fourth; and Mary Montgomery, fifth. The ZC community is extremely proud of these young anglers, and the anglers are appreciative of the support garnered from their families, community, and sponsors who have encouraged them along the way.

While closing out their first year of competitive fishing on the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail, they offer their congratulations to those teams who ranked ahead of them and to Anglers of the Year winners Marlin and Ingram from Lee Scott Academy. Also, they salute Headland Bass Team standout Aaron Cherry who signed a fishing scholarship with the University of Montevallo Wednesday, November 20. Cherry has been fishing with the Headland team for six years.

The Zion Chapel Team is not finished yet. They will continue fishing three other trails. Their next tournament is scheduled Dec. 14 on the Airport Marine Trail at Lay Lake.

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COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY POULTRY AWARD...The 2019 Poultry Award was presented to Pete Medlock during the Coffee County Farm City Banquet held Thursday night, Nov. 21, in New Brockton. Pete and his wife, Eva, (pictured left) started their first-generation breeder farm in 2010 with two breeder houses on 18 acres of land. The land was originally owned and farmed by Eva's parents. In 2013, two more breeder houses were added. Pete and Eva said they feel "immensely honored to be selected for the award from among their peers." Also pictured is Cindy Kinney, C.C. Farm City chairperson.



COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION AWARD...The 2019 Outstanding Conservation award was presented to Glenn Rhoades during the Coffee County Farm City Banquet held Thursday night, Nov. 21, in New Brockton. Rhoades said he has dedicated his farming life to improving his skills and increasing production on his farm. Over the years, he has implemented numerous conservation practices including waterways, field borders, sediment control basins, and high residue conservation tillage. He also plants multi species cover crops each year to control erosion and increase organic matter. Rhoades and his wife, Peggy, (pictured left) said they are very appreciative of the award because it shows his peers recognize he is trying to do a good job in conserving the land. Also pictured is Cindy Kinney, C.C. Farm City chairperson.



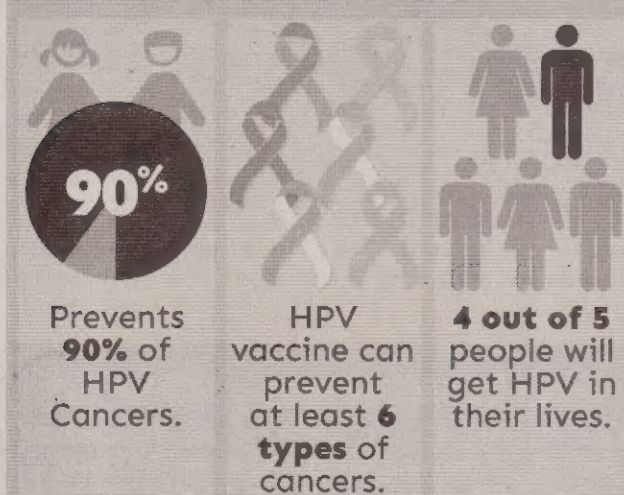
COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY ROW CROP AWARD...The 2019 Row Crop award was presented to Jonathan Sanders during the Coffee County Farm City Banquet held Thursday night, Nov. 21, in New Brockton. Jonathan Sanders has been farming full-time with his father in the Roeton Community of northeast Coffee County since 2013. He farms row crops including 450 acres of cotton, 300 acres of peanuts, 125 acres of corn as well as some small grains. Jonathan said it is a big honor to receive this award. He said he knows a lot of the farmers that have received the award prior to him, and he feels it an honor to be included with that field of farmers. Pictured above is Jonathan Sanders with his wife, Sara, and their daughter, Ivey, (left) along with Cindy Kinney, C.C. Farm City chairperson.



COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY OUTSTANDING FFA MEMBER AWARD...The 2019 Outstanding FFA Member award was presented to Trinity Bookout, a senior at Enterprise High School. Trinity said she enjoys the "family" that being a part of FFA gives students. She said it is a very supportive atmosphere. She has won many other awards in FFA. Pictured above with Trinity (left) is Coffee County Farm City chairperson Cindy Kinney (right).

COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY BEEF AWARD...The 2019 Beef Award award was presented to Gerald Holifield. He operates H&B Angus Farm consisting of 140 acres maintaining brood cattle herd. He sells AI bred heifers and seed stock bulls. He has been farming full time for 10 years.

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COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD...The 2019 Business of the Year Award was presented to Boswell Insurance Agency of Elba during the Coffee County Farm City Banquet held Thursday night, Nov. 21, in New Brockton. Gerald Boswell (left) has been in the insurance business 54 years, and he said this is the largest award his business had ever received. After several years working in the insurance industry, he started Boswell Insurance Agency in 1980, and he began selling crop insurance to local farmers. His business has grown tremendously over the years, and Boswell said he always tried to live up to his reputation as an honest and friendly agent. Pictured above with Gerald Boswell is Cindy Kinney, C.C. Farm City chairperson.



COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY FORESTRY AWARD...The 2019 Forestry award was presented to Jim Ellis during the Coffee County Farm City Banquet held Thursday night, Nov. 21, in New Brockton. Ellis' farm, Pinellis Farms is a 280-acre property divided into two sections in northeastern Coffee County. Jim and his wife, Becky, (pictured left) said they believe in the importance of being good stewards of the land and manage Pinellis Farms to these standards. The property is primarily loblolly and longleaf pine plantation along with approximately 70-acres of mixed hardwood bottomland of the Pea River. Pinellis Farms has been recognized also with TREASURE Forest, Forest Stewardship and Tree Farm certifications. Ellis said he and his wife are deeply gratified for the recognition and they appreciate the opportunity to be good stewards of their community. Pictured with Jim and Becky is Cindy Kinney, C.C. Farm City chairperson.

COFFEE COUNTY FARM CITY INDUSTRY AWARD...The 2019 Industry Award award was presented to Sessions Peanut Company Inc. This family-owned and operated peanut sheller and processor is headquartered in Enterprise. The company employs approximately 100 people with locations in Enterprise and Geneva, Alabama, Milton, Graceville, and Oldtown, Florida, and Donalsonville, Ga.

ELBA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

FUND BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 2018	605,891.94
REVENUES:	
STATE REVENUES	4,566,833.65
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,227,863.84
LOCAL REVENUES	1,470,507.41
OTHER REVENUES	66,664.23
TOTAL REVENUES	7,331,869.13
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:	
FUND TRANSFERS IN	83,180.81
OTHER SOURCES	30,725.90
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	113,906.71
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	7,445,775.84
EXPENDITURES:	
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	3,448,413.96
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES	942,126.61
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	703,335.42
AUXILIARY SERVICES	794,515.18
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	604,395.28
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
DEBT SERVICES:	
PRINCIPAL	80,777.76
INTEREST	61,502.18
OTHER DEBT SERVICES	
OTHER EXPENDITURES	262,447.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,897,513.92
OTHER FUND USES:	
FUND TRANSFERS OUT	83,180.81
OTHER FUND USES	00.00
TOTAL OTHER FUND USES	83,180.81
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FUND USES	6,980,694.73
ENDING FUND BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	1,070,973.05

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Chris Moseley
CHRIS MOSELEY

SUPERINTENDENT, ELBA CITY SCHOOLS

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME ON THIS THE 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2019.

Betsy B. Martin

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson finally decided what he wanted for Christmas, and while the list was short with a 'lot of surprises,' he made sure we knew the name of the video game he really wanted and even showed us a picture of what the cover of the game looked like. I am sure he will get the game, and a lot of surprises, and I am also sure the list will grow as the weeks go by.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Brantley Bulldogs battled** top-ranked Sweet Water for all four quarters Friday night in third round play-off action in a heartbreaking 38-35 road loss. The Bulldogs took a late lead and appeared ready to pull off the huge upset, but couldn't hold off the home team and fell late on a field goal. The folks in Brantley told me before the season started that they were a year away from being a state title contender. However, the players and coaches proved Friday night they arrived a year early and next season will be a favorite to bring home another blue map.

*** **The state high school football playoffs** competed the third round last week and as always there were plenty of surprises and lots of action. In 1A, Lanett set up a showdown with Sweet Water in the semifinals with a 41-21 win over Isabella and Bama bound quarterback Kristian Story set a new state record for career touchdowns as he passed Bo Nix with six scores in the win, while in the 2A ranks Arton lost to Leroy 35-24 and G.W. Long fell to Reeltown 41-22 to end the dreams of an all Dale County semifinals. Up in the 3A ranks, T.R. Miller advanced to the semifinals with a big 14-12 upset win over defending state champ Flomaton and will be on the road for the fourth straight week on Friday night, and in Class 4A Andalusia blanked American Christian 24-0 to reach the semifinals for the fourth straight year, and for the fourth straight year will go up against UMS-Wright in the semifinals. In 5A, Central of Clay County kept its back-to-back title hopes alive with a 43-15 win over Madison County; in 6A, Spanish Fort defeated Park Crossing 28-21 and after a 5-4 start and a fourth place finish in its region is now only one game away from playing for a state title; and in 7A, it will be a rematch as Central of Phenix City and Thompson both made it to Auburn with impressive wins.

*** **Elba High has published its job opening** for a new head football coach and it was good to see that the job opening included the requirement that the new coach have a degree in physical education. Too many times schools will hire a coach without a degree and just 'find him' a spot on staff that draws a big salary and does nothing to better the educational value of the overall staff. There are too many people that spend thousands of dollars on tuition and books and make sacrifices to graduate from college to let someone without a degree come in and fill the position. It is also a big hire since the Tigers are coming off a rare four-loss season and are facing the possibility of moving back up into the 2A ranks. I urge the Elba City Schools officials to make every effort to get the right man for the job and not let local politics or 'good old boy' thinking spoil the opportunity to improve the school and the football program.

*** **Northside Methodist Academy**, in Dothan, announced last week that it would petition the Alabama High School Athletic Association to become a member, beginning with the upcoming school year. The private school has been a member of the AISA for the past eight years and will supposedly be placed in 2A or 3A. School officials stated that the move would enable the school's athletic teams to cut down in travel and give its students more creditability in the community. This season there were only two other private schools within one hour of the school, while the change will place dozens of schools within that time frame. I am not a supporter of private schools competing against public schools, but I do see their point.

*** **Bryant-Denny Stadium began a \$92.5 million** renovation this week that will add high-end seats, suites and bunker-type seats to the stadium. The club seating and suites will be added to the south end of the stadium, while the field level seats, like those in Dallas and Atlanta, will be added in the endzone. Just in case you had an idea of maybe buying a suite, all ten have already been sold at a cost of \$5 million each. However, the loge seats still have a few available for an annual donation of \$150,000 and a \$16,000 annual cost for tickets and expenses. The project is expected to be completed in nine months with as many as 600 workers on site every day.

*** **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** dropped by a little early and was shaking his head over last week's 9-5 record. The local guesspert still has a solid season record of 319-79 on his weekly picks, and true to his word left this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

Class 1A - Lanett 34 Sweet Water 20, Mars Hill 40 Pickens County 18

Class 2A - Reeltown 41 Leroy 31, Fyffe 28 Collinsville 0

Class 3A - Mobile Christian 30 T.R. Miller 14, Piedmont 24 Walter Wellborn 10

Class 4A - UMS-Wright 17 Andalusia 14, Jacksonville 27 Anniston 21

Class 5A - Pleasant Grove 35 Briarwood 31, Central Clay 28 Mortimer Jordan 21

Class 6A - Opelika 38 Spanish Fort 17, Pinson Valley 27 Oxford 17

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**Lady Bulldogs win****Zion Chapel KO's Kinston 54-46**

The Zion Chapel Rebels claimed their first win of the young season Friday night with an exciting 54-46 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, at the Rebel gym.

Neither team could find its way to the basket early in the opening quarter as the score remained tied at 0-0 for over four minutes. However, the Rebels caught fire late and led by the three-point shooting of Billy Heap and Nate Grantham opened up a 10-4 lead with only seconds left in the period.

The Rebels lead grew to 19-8 with 6:12 remaining in the second quarter after a pair of three-pointers by Heap and a long three-pointer by Brady Cobb, but a three-pointer by Kinston's Reece Hall with 5:50 left in the quarter woke up the Bulldogs as they went on a 13-0 run and grabbed their first lead of the night at 21-19 on a three-pointer by Owen Patterson.

The lead seasawed for the remainder of the quarter, and at the half the county rivals went into the dressing rooms tied at 25-25.

The scoring slowed in a ragged third quarter, but neither team was able to take command and when Logan Matthews scored from inside with 3:08 left in the quarter the score was still tied at 32-32.

A free throw by the Rebels Jacob Anderson out Zion Chapel back in front 33-32 with 2:24 remaining, and the Rebels began to slowly pull away and carried a 37-32 lead into the fourth quarter after a late basket by Connor Kelley.

Kinston pulled within 37-35 with 6:50 remaining in the fourth quarter on a free throw by Patterson and trailed only 39-36 after a free throw by Hall, but the Bulldogs converted only 5 of 9 free throws over a five-minute span, and the Rebels took advantage of the poor shooting from the charity line and stretched their lead to 49-41 with 53-seconds



Zion Chapel coach Jared Robison talks with the Rebels during a time out in last week's 54-46 win over Kinston. The win evened the Rebels early-season record at 1-1, while Kinston fell to 0-2 with the loss.

left on a driving lay up by Bryce Watson.

Kinston got as close as 50-46 with 26 ticks left on the clock on a three-pointer by Reece Hall. However, the Rebels scored the final four points of the game and sealed the 54-46 win when Brady Cobb converted a steal into an easy basket just before the horn.

Billy Heap poured in 16 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Brady Cobb and Colleen Kelley scored 9 points apiece. Cale Sumblin scored 18 points and Ayden Wallace added 9 to lead Kinston.

Z.C. (54): Watson 7, Heap 16, Grantham 7, Cobb 9, Anderson 5, Kelley 9, McCrory 1.

K'ton (46): Hawthorne 2, Patterson 6, Hall 7, Sumblin 18, Wallace 9, Davis 2, Matthews 2.

(Girls)

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs capped off a winning week and improved their record to 2-0 with an impressive 46-16 win over the

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels.

Kinston grabbed an early 3-0 lead in the opening quarter on a three-pointer by Kelsi Cardwell and never looked back as Courtney Lunsford poured in 11 first quarter points and Addison Musgrove added four points as the Lady Bulldogs roared out to a 20-0 lead after one quarter of play.

Kinston's lead grew to 22-0 early in the second quarter on a basket by Bailey Maddox, while Zion Chapel finally got on the scoreboard with 7:18 left in the quarter when Janna Miles scored from inside and added a free throw to cut the lead to 22-3.

Cardwell added her second three-pointer of the half and Blair Wyrosdick scored on a put back to up the Lady Bulldogs lead to 27-3 with 4:27 remaining on the clock, and even though Kinston failed to score for the remainder of the half, Zion Chapel connected on only 2 of 8 free throw chances, and despite a late three-pointer by Alanah Bunce trailed 27-8 at intermission.

Kinston's Courtney Lunsford scored the first six points of the third quarter to push the Lady Bulldogs lead to 33-8 with 5:58 left in the quarter, and the Lady Bulldogs never let up as

Lunsford and Cardwell sparked a 10-1 run to up the Kinston lead to 43-9 late in the quarter.

Zion Chapel's Janna Miles scored five points in the fourth quarter and the Lady Rebels held Kinston to only one point in the final eight minutes. However, it was too little, too late, as Kinston claimed the big 46-16 win.

Courtney Lunsford scored 21 points and Kelsi Cardwell added 9 points on a trio of three-pointers to lead Kinston, while Janna Miles scored 11 points to lead Zion Chapel.

K'ton (46): Cardwell 9, Peters 2, Lunsford 21, Musgrove 5, Maddox 2, Wyrosdick 2, Danford 2, Wilson 3.

Z.C. (16): Miles 11, Bunce 3, McAllister 2.

(JV)

The Zion Chapel Rebels led all the way to post a solid 40-20 win over the Kinston Bulldogs, in junior varsity action. Chestnut scored 10 points to lead the Rebels, while Lunsford and Smith both scored 7 points to lead the Bulldogs.

Z.C. (40): Watson 4, Allen 4, Chestnut 10, Kirkland 6, Stuart 4, Padgett 2, Adcock 8, Brown 2.

K'ton (20): Lunsford 7, Smith 7, Tew 1, Davis 5.

**High School
BASKETBALL BRIEFS****New Brockton drops opener to Wicksburg 62-46**

The New Brockton Gamecocks trailed only 31-27 at the half, but couldn't keep up the pace in the final two quarters in a 62-46 loss to Wicksburg. Dillon Kelly scored 22 points and Dalton Shehee added 19 to lead the Gamecocks, while Zeke Herbig scored 15 points for Wicksburg.

Lady Gamecocks outscored in opener 47-10

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks trailed only 5-3 after one quarter and 12-5 at the half, but managed only five points in the second half and fell to Wicksburg 47-10, in their season opener. Lacy Sprinkle scored 4 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks.

Kinston Bulldogs fall to Red Level 58-39

The Kinston Bulldogs tipped off their season with a 58-39 home court loss to the Red Level Tigers. Cale Sumblin scored 20 points to lead the Bulldogs.

**High School
BASKETBALL SCHEDULES****Monday, Dec. 2**

Brantley at Highland Home

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Pleasant Home at Kinston

McKenzie at Zion Chapel

Thursday, Dec. 5

New Brockton at Elba

Kinston at Samson



THE KINSTON TINY MITES FOOTBALL TEAM BROUGHT HOME THE RUNNER UP TROPHY FROM THE LEAGUE SUPER BOWL championships held Saturday, Nov. 23, in Florida. The Kinston team fought hard for all four quarters but lost 14-8 to Highland Home. The team members and coaches are pictured here with the runner up trophy for the 2019 season.

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SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog Morrello Edwards (8) pulls in a touchdown pass in last week's 38-35 playoff loss to Sweet Water. Edwards pulled in 6 passes for 99 yards and 2 touchdowns in the road loss.



Brantley Bulldog Messiah Burnett (10) pulls in a touchdown pass in last week's 38-35 playoff loss to Sweet Water. Burnett pulled in 4 passes for 71 yards and 2 touchdowns in the road loss.



Brantley Bulldog Tucker Kilcrease (12) lofts a pass to a receiver. Kilcrease completed 23 of 31 passes for 306 yards and 4 touchdowns in last week's 38-35 playoff loss to Sweet Water.



Brantley Bulldog D'Andrea Owens (35) leaps for joy in the endzone after scoring on a 1-yard run. Owens rushed for 5 yards and one td and caught one pass for 18 yards in the playoff loss.

In 38-35 playoff loss
Sweet Water turns 'sour' for Bulldogs

Statistics by J.D. Adcock
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their drive toward a state title hit a dead end Friday night with a heart breaking 38-35 road loss to the top-ranked Sweet Water Bulldogs.

Sweet Water received the opening kickoff and after a 51-yard kickoff return by Trace Luker drove 46 yards in eight plays to get on the scoreboard first. A 15-yard pass completion from Braiden Broussard to Jaden Lewis on fourth down and four kept the drive alive early, while the game's first touchdown came on a 15-yard run by Jaland Lewis-Horton. Michael Cole kicked the extra point, and with 8:05 remaining in the first quarter Sweet Water was on top 7-0.

Brantley was forced to punt on its initial offensive series, but quickly regained possession at the Sweet Water 17-yardline on a fumble recovery by D'Andrea Owens, and from there it took the Bulldogs only one play to cash in the turnover. The Brantley score came on a 17-yard pass from Tucker Kilcrease to Messiah Burnett, and Adam Carlisle booted the extra point to pull the Bulldogs even at 7-7 with 4:23 left in the quarter.

Sweet Water's ensuing possession started at the Brantley 13-yardline after a 34-yard kickoff return by Jaylin Dixon, and two plays later it was back in the lead. The score came on a 2-yard run by Lewis-Horton, and while the extra point try failed. Sweet Water was back on top 13-7 with 3:30 still left in the opening quarter.

Sweet Water got the ball right back at its own 15-yardline following a Brantley punt and wasted little time adding to its lead as on its first play from scrimmage

Xavier Lucy broke loose and raced 85 yards for a touchdown. Jaylin Dixon ran in the two-point conversion as Sweet Water upped its lead to 21-7 with 1:34 remaining in the first quarter.

The Brantley offense was forced to punt again on its ensuing possession, but regained possession at the Bulldog 24-yardline after a defensive stand resulted in a missed field goal attempt, and this time the 'Dogs went 76 yards in seven plays to get back in the game.

Tucker Kilcrease completed four of four passes for 68 yards to lead the Bulldogs down the field, with the score coming on a 28-yard touchdown toss from Kilcrease to Burnett. Carlisle added the extra point to pull Brantley within 21-14 with 4:08 remaining in the half.

Sweet Water drove into Brantley territory on its ensuing possession, but the Bulldog defense was again up to the challenge and turned back the scoring threat as Brantley went in at the half trailing 21-14.

Brantley received the second half kickoff and went 66 yards in only six plays to get back into the endzone. A 31-yard pass from Tucker Kilcrease to Daquan Pittman was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 1-yard run by D'Andrea Owens. The extra point try failed, but with 10:26 left in the third quarter the Bulldogs had chopped Sweet Water's lead down to 21-20.

The defenses took over following the Brantley score as the game's next five offensive series failed to produce points.

The Bulldogs began their final series of the quarter at the Sweet Water 37-yardline following a punt and this time needed only one play to grab the lead! The Bulldog score came on a 37-yard



Brantley Bulldog D'Andrea Owens (35) drags down a Sweet Water runner for a short gain in last week's 38-35 playoff loss.

touchdown toss from Tucker Kilcrease to Morrell Edwards, and Kilcrease passed to Burnett for the two-point conversion as Brantley moved on top 28-21 with 1:38 remaining in the quarter.

Sweet Water began its ensuing series at its own 44-yardline and marched 56 yards in nine plays to catch the Bulldogs. Jaylin Dixon rushed for 50 yards on six carries to lead Sweet Water down the field, while Braiden Broussard scored the touchdown on a 1-yard sneak. Cole's extra point was true, and with 8:22 left in the fourth quarter the score was tied at 28-28.

Brantley put the ball in play at its own 20-yardline after the ensuing kickoff and covered the 80 yards to the endzone in 10 plays to regain the lead. Tucker Kilcrease completed 6 of 7 passes for 85 yards as the Bulldogs overcame two penalties and scored on a 7-yard scoring strike from Kilcrease to Morrell Edwards. Carlisle's extra point try was true, and with 5:50 left on the clock the Bulldogs were back on top 35-28.

Sweet Water began its ensuing possession at the Brantley 45-yardline following a 20-yard kickoff return by Willie Lewis, and marched 45 yards in seven

straight running plays to reach the endzone. Jaland Lewis-Horton gained 28 yards on four carries to help lead Sweet Water down the field, while Jaylin Dixon got the score on a 2-yard run. Cole added the extra point as Sweet Water pulled even at 35-35 with 2:42 remaining on the clock.

Sweet Water surprised Brantley with an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff to get the ball back at the Brantley 34-yardline, and Sweet Water never gave the ball back as it used its powerful running attack to reach the Bulldog 2-yardline. Sweet Water called a time out with only 4-seconds left on the clock, and Michael Cole kicked a 20-yard field goal on the game's final play as Sweet Water survived and escaped with the 38-35 win.

Tucker Kilcrease completed 23 of 31 for 306 yards and 4 touchdowns to spark the Brantley offense, with Morrell Edwards pulling in 6 catches for 99 yards and 2 td's, Messiah Burnett pulling in 4 catches for 71 yards and 2 td's, and Kenuwyn Dixon pulling in 8 catches for 69 yards.

Jaland Lewis-Horton rushed for 137 yards and 2 td's on 20 carries and Xavier Lucy added 108 yards on 7 carries and 1 td to lead Sweet Water.



Brantley Bulldog Kenuwyn Dixon (3) heads upfield after pulling in a pass. Dixon caught 8 passes for 69 yards in last week's 38-35 playoff loss to Sweet Water.

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